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The world is all one !!

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第22話「Awake or Guilty」
CHAPTER 22

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HELLO?
YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
MHM. YES.
ONE-TWO→ TAILS AND KACHOU FUUGETSU ARE SCHED-ULED TO PERFORM.
YES, THAT'S-
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NOW HOLD ON A MOMENT.
NO.
I DON'T NEED AN APOLOGY. COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN-
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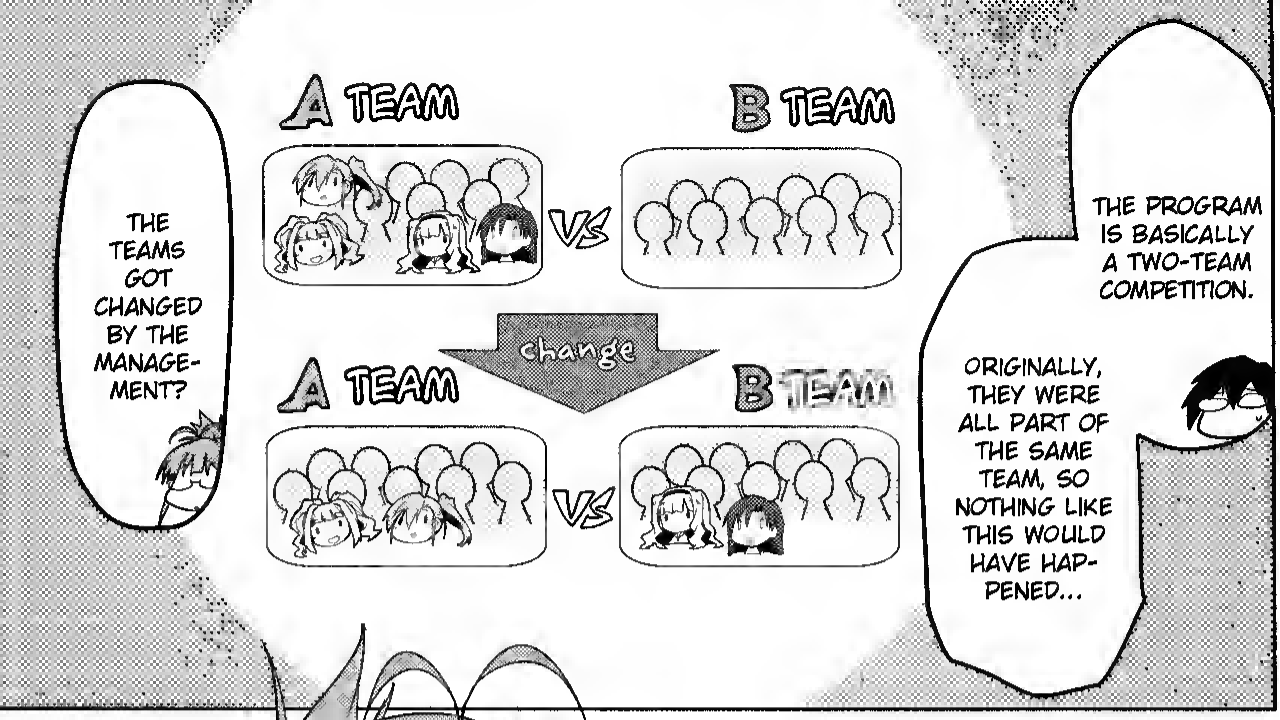
HE HUNG UP ON ME.
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
ONE-TWO— TAILS AND KACHOU FUUGETSU
ARE BEING MATCHED AGAINST EACH OTHER.
WHAT!?
IT'S SET UP SO THAT UNITS FROM THE SAME AGENCY WOULDN'T END UP COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER!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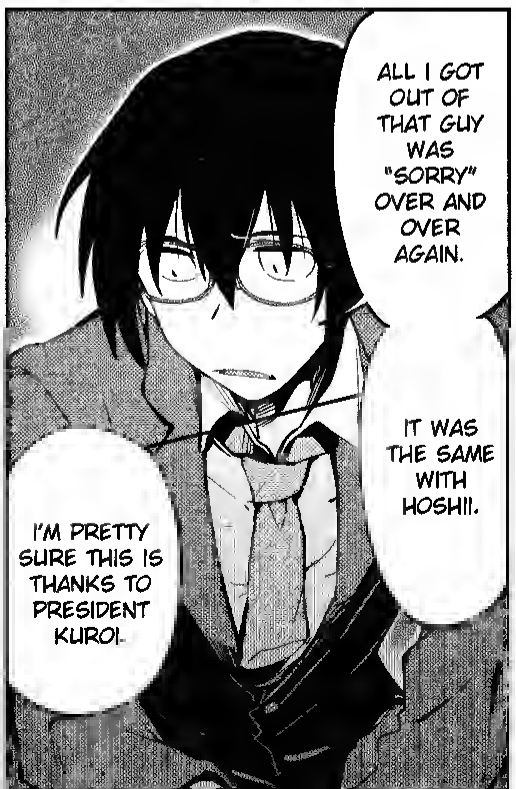
THE PROGRAM IS BASICALLY A TWO-TEAM COMPETITION.
ORIGINALLY, THEY WERE ALL PART OF THE SAME TEAM, SO NOTHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED...
THE TEAMS GOT CHANGED BY THE MANAGEMENT?

YES. I'D USUALLY HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS,
BUT...
ONLY 765 PRO WAS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES.
ALONG WITH MIKI'S CASE, IT'S TOO MUCH TO BE A COINCIDENCE.

SHOULD I TRY GIVING THEM ANOTHER CALL?
NO MATTER WHO WINS, WE LOSE OUT IN THE END.
SAME THING HAPPENED WITH HOSHII, RIGHT?
THE CHANCE FOR A NOMINATION FOR THOSE THAT LOSE ARE...
YEAH, IT'S BAD.
ANYWAY, HOW IS HOSHII DOING?


ALL I GOT OUT OF THAT GUY WAS "SORRY" OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
IT WAS THE SAME WITH HOSHII.
I'M PRETTY SURE THIS IS THANKS TO PRESIDENT KUROI.

IS SHE TAKING IT WELL?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
BE-SIDES,
WHAT I FEEL IS THAT,
IN THE LONG RUN,
THIS IS A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR HER.

MIKI,
I KNOW YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO JOIN ME FOR LESSONS,
BUT ISN'T IT TIME TO TAKE A LITTLE BREAK?
YOU'LL END UP OVERWORKING YOURSELF!
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I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, MIKI,
I MEAN, LOSING BECAUSE OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
BUT PILING ON THE LESSONS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T ACCEPT IT-
MAKOTO.
MIKI'S FINE
WITH HOW SHE LOST, OKAY?
?
THEN, WHY ARE YOU...?
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE JUDGES WERE BIASED.
EVEN IN A FAIR MATCH AGAINST JUPITER,
MIKI WOULDN'T HAVE BEAT THEM, ANYWAY.
AND THAT'S-

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MIKI REGRETS.
"WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF MIKI WENT FOR MORE LESSONS?"
"MAKE SURE YOU WON'T REGRET ANYTHING", RIGHT?
PRODUCER SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, DIDN'T HE.
HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WOULDN'T DESPAIR OVER LOSING.
I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHY HE TOLD US THAT.
WHEN I SEE YOU PRACTICING SO HARD,
THEN AGAIN,
LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE LISTENING TO HIM, AFTER ALL.

I SEE.
MIKI'S NOT IN DESPAIR, THOUGH.
MIKI JUST WANTS TO TRY HARDER FROM NOW ON.
WELL, I'LL BE JOINING IN.
I MEAN, EVEN MIKI'S ALL FIRED UP ABOUT PRACTICE...
MIKI'S STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO!
THIS ISN'T EVEN HALF OF WHAT HARUKA'S GOT.
WHAT? JUST HALF!?
IF YOU'RE TIRED OUT, FEEL FREE TO TAKE A BREAK!
THIS IS HARUKA'S SECRET HELL TRAINING!
OH, COME ON, MIKI.
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
YOU KNOW, IF YOU PRACTICE THIS MUCH,
YOU'LL BECOME AN AMAZING IDOL, MIKI.
IF YOU PRACTICE THIS MUCH, MAKOTO, YOU'LL BECOME AN AMAZINGLY COOL IDOL!
WHAT'S WRONG?
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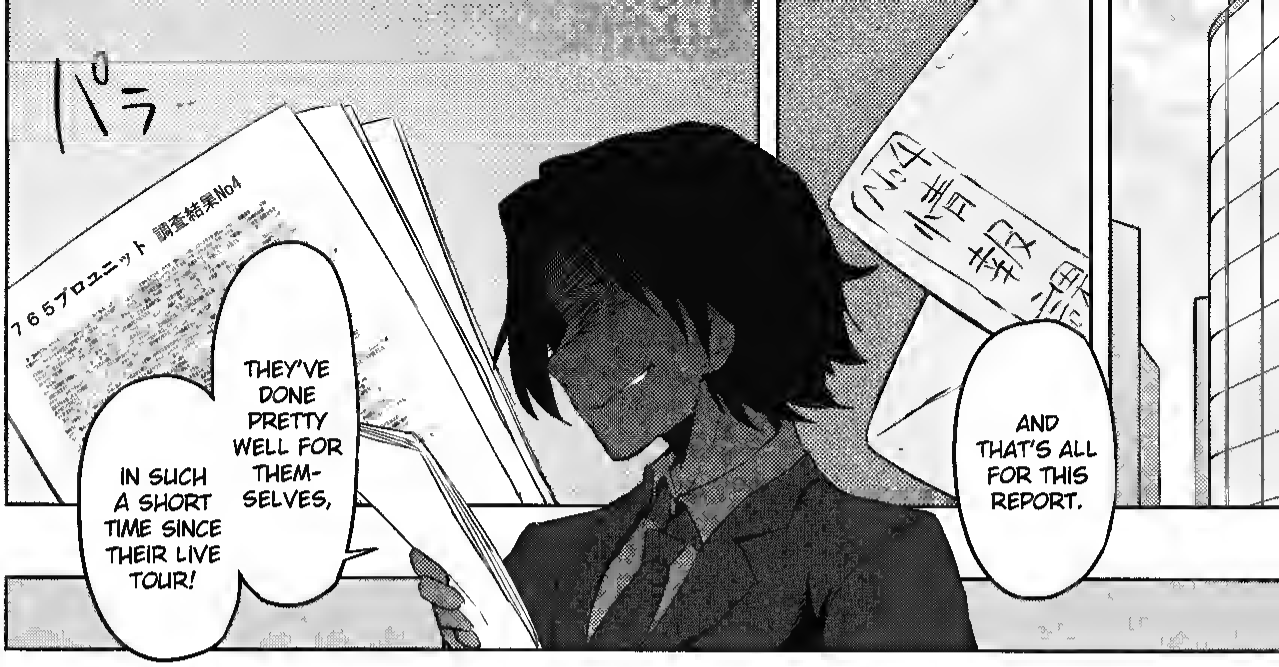
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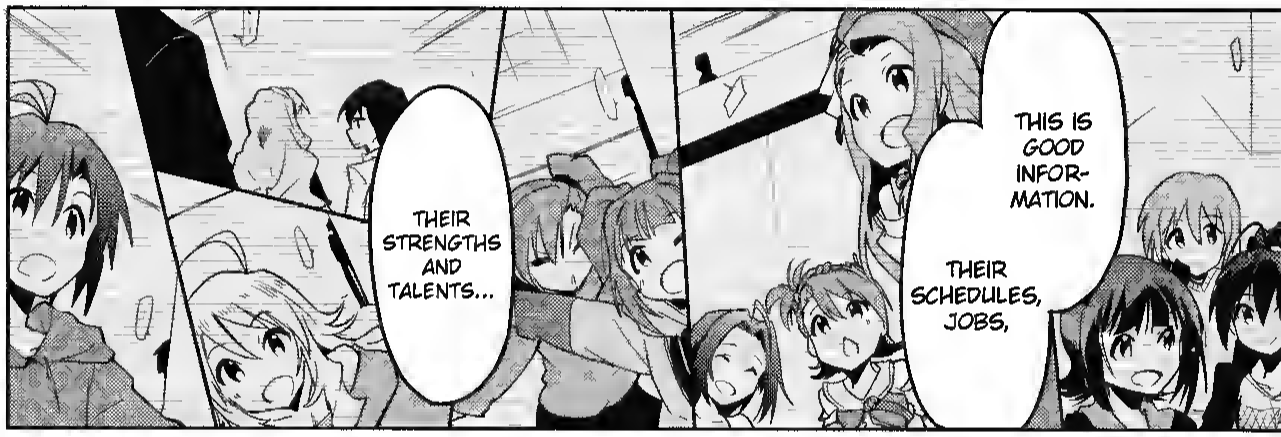
THEY'VE DONE PRETTY WELL FOR THEM-SELVES,
IN SUCH A SHORT TIME SINCE THEIR LIVE TOUR!
AND THAT'S ALL FOR THIS REPORT.


THEIR STRENGTHS AND TALENTS...
THIS IS GOOD INFOR-MATION.
THEIR SCHEDULES, JOBS,

PLAY-TIME'S OVER.
I'LL CHASE 765 PRO TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD IF I HAVE TO!
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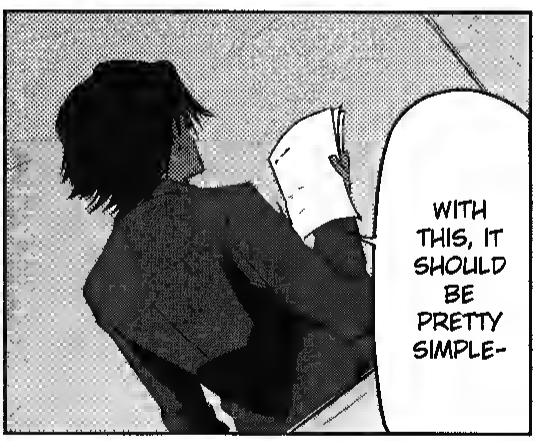
WITH THIS, IT SHOULD BE PRETTY SIMPLE-

"ALL THE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PRODUCE TOP IDOLS. WHY ARE YOU-"
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WE HAVE ONE-TWO→ TAILS ON TEAM A,
AND KACHOU FUUGETSU ON TEAM B!
THE WINNER OF THIS 765 PRO AGAINST 765 PRO MATCH IS-!
TEAM B!
HEH. LOOK AT THAT.
EITHER WAY, I WIN.
KACHOU FUUGETSU ARE THE WINNERS!
I DIDN'T EXPECT 765 PRO TO RISE IN POPULARITY SO FAST.
OH WELL.
THAT JUST MEANS I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING A BIT MORE DRASTIC.
THE WINNER'S NOT GOING ANY-WHERE, EITHER.
I WONDER WHO I NEED TO PRESSURE NEXT...
THE FUN'S JUST GETTING START-ED.
I'LL RIP YOU ANNOYING LITTLE WEEDS OUT OF THE GROUND.
NOW-

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THAT WAS REALLY FUN, WASN'T IT?
UM... SINCE YOU TWO LOST, YOUR CHANCES AT THE 1A GRAND PRIZE JUST DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY.
YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
YEP, WE KNOW.
THAT'S RIGHT!

EVEN SO-
OHIME-CHIN!!
BONK!!
!?
YOU KNOW,
FOR THE TWO OF US,
IT DOESN'T MATTER, AS LONG AS WE HAVE FUN.
WHEN THE FOUR OF US
WERE ON STAGE TOGETHER,
WE GOT EVERYONE WATCHING REALLY FIRED UP, DIDN'T WE?
WHO CARES IF WE WIN OR LOSE?
'COS, IT'S KINDA LIKE,
IT'S OUR JOB AS IDOLS, ISN'T IT?
IT'S THE WORST IF YOUR FANS DON'T HAVE FUN.
MAMI...

WE JUST CAN'T DO VERY WELL
IF ALL WE THINK ABOUT IS WINNING OR LOSING.
THAT'S HOW WE ARE.
AND THAT'S WHY,
AS ONE-TWO →TAILS, WE'RE OKAY WITH IT!
OF COURSE, THAT'S ALL "FOR NOW"!
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THANK YOU FOR THOSE WORDS, MAMI, YAYOI.
WHY IS IT THAT WE BECAME IDOLS, I WONDER?
IF ALL WE CARE FOR IS THE END RESULT, WE'D END UP WITH EVERYTHING BACK-WARDS.
HEH?
MRFH!
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SINGING OUR SONGS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
FOR THE TWO OF US, WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS-
WE WANT TO AIM HIGHER,
SO THAT WE CAN REACH OUT TO MORE PEOPLE WITH OUR VOICES.
HOW-EVER,
IF THOSE SONGS EVER CHANGE,
JUST BECAUSE OF OUR SITUATION, OR THE SIZE OF OUR STAGE, WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT?

YOU GUYS ARE WAY TOO SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.
I WON'T DENY THAT...
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IF WE HAD GONE UP AGAINST ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU,
WE MIGHT HAVE ENDED UP MAKING THAT MIS-TAKE.
YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
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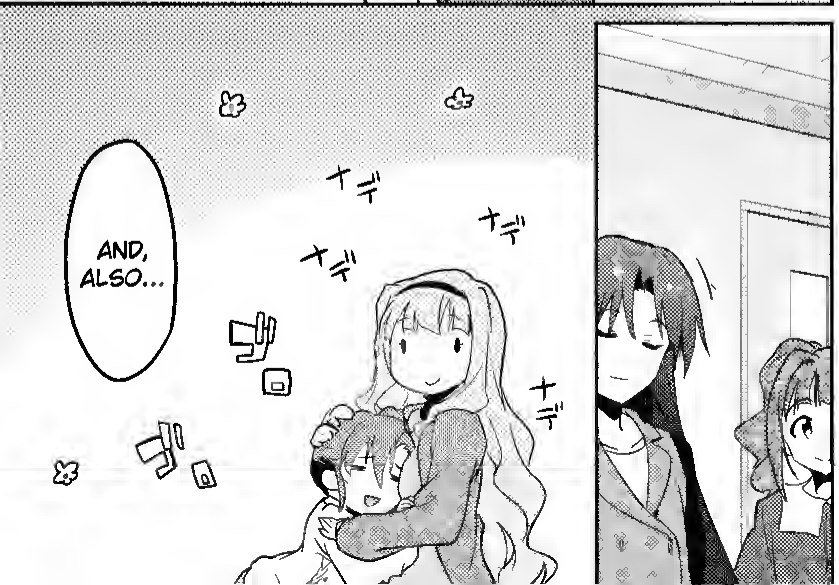
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HOW LONG ARE YOU TWO GOING TO KEEP AT IT?
HUH? CHIHAYA-ONEE-CHAN,
ARE YOU JEALOUS OR SOME-THING?
I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT NOTICING SOONER,
ohime-chin's so fluffy
DON'T STOP PET-TING...
BUT, IT IS... RATHER... DIFFICULT FOR ME TO LET GO...
T, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY!
C'MON, C'MON! YAYOICCHI'S NOT TAKEN, YOU KNOW?
WH, WHAT?
EH!?
THAT'S RIGHT. CHIHAYA, YOU CAN...
HUH? UH, UM...!?
OKAY! YAYOI-CCHI, GO!
U, UM!
CHI, CHIHAYA! EXCUSE ME!
HEY!? T, TA, TA, TAKA-TSUKI!?
CALM DOWN!

ALL I NEED FROM YOU IS YOUR UNDER-STANDING.
WAIT HOLD ON!
OH?
I'D LIKE YOU TO THINK ABOUT THIS CAREFULLY, FOR YOU AND YOUR PROGRAM'S SAKE.
NO, THAT'S-
YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
YOU MAY WANT TO RECONSIDER HAVING KACHOU FUUGETSU ON YOUR PROGRAM.
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NEITHER WILL THEY GET ANY DECENT JOBS.
THAT UNIT WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK ACTIVELY FOR A WHILE.
WITH THIS, KACHOU FUUGETSU NO LONGER STANDS A CHANCE.
WHAT'S LEFT IS TO STOP KIKUCHI MAKOTO.
AND AFTER THAT-
WHA-!?
YOU SEEM PRETTY SUR-PRISED.
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO CALLED US HERE?

WHEN DID YOU THREE GET HERE?
A WHILE BACK.
WHILE YOU MADE THAT CALL, I GUESS?
NOT THAT WE HEARD ANYTHING.
WHAT-EVER.
.....
YOU'LL BE GOING AGAINST KIKUCHI MAKOTO FROM 765 PRO.
CRUSH HER.
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YOUR SCHECULE HAS BEEN CHANGED.
ARE YOU UP FOR IT?
YEAH.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME OUR SCHEDULE'S CHANGED SO SUDDENLY.
AND WE'RE UP AGAINST 765 PRO. AGAIN.
THIS ISN'T A COINCI-DENCE, IS IT.
WHY DID THEIR OPPENENTS PULL OUT, I WONDER?
MAYBE THEY JUST PUT A LITTLE PRESSURE ON THEM.
YOU CAN'T DENY THE POSSIBILITY, YOU KNOW?

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOUMA?
HM?
YOU HEARD THE OLD MAN, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT CALL
THAT HE MADE EARLIER.
YEAH. IT SOUNDED PRETTY SHADY TO ME.
"FOR YOU AND YOUR PROGRAM'S SAKE", AND ALL THAT.
EXACT-LY.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S BEING TOO QUIET ABOUT THESE THINGS.
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN THINKING.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S HAPPENING, MYSELF,
BUT KURO-CHAN ACTS PRETTY STRANGELY WHEN IT COMES TO 765 PRO, DOESN'T HE.
YEAH.
NO MATTER WHAT PRESIDENT KUROI TELLS US,
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO ME THAT 765 PRO IS IN THE WRONG.

HARUKA WAS REALLY HONEST ABOUT HER WORK.
MIKI'S TALENT IS THE REAL DEAL, AS WELL.
WHAT KURO-CHAN'S TELLING US AND WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
AH, YOU MEAN OUR MATCH WITH HOSHII.
THE SCORING THAT THE JUDGES HANDED DOWN FELT LIKE A BIG PILE OF CRAP TO ME.
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT?
WELL, I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
IF THERE WAS ANY INTERFER-ENCE AT ALL,
WE CAN'T CLAIM THAT IT'S OUR VICTORY, CAN WE?
TODAY'S MATCH WAS KIKUCHI MAKOTO VERSUS JUPITER!
WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SHOW FOR ALL THEIR FEMALE FANS OUT THERE!
FINGERS CROSSED! WHAT WILL THE VERDICT BE?
OKAY!

WHOA!
IT'S A LAND-SLIDE!
JUPITER WINS!
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IT'S JUST AS MIKI SAID.
YOU GUYS ARE REALLY GOOD.
BUT,
IF YOU'RE REALLY THAT TALENT-ED,
WHY WON'T YOU GUYS EVER PLAY FAIR?
BASICALLY...

YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE WON BECAUSE 961 PRO SET THINGS UP?
WELL, WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?
I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT IT FROM HARUKA.
ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE YOUR AGENCY HAS CAUSED US SO FAR!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED,
IF OUR PRODUCER DIDN'T LEAVE 961 PRO TO JOIN US!
HE "LEFT"?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
OUR PRODUCER USED TO BE A 961 PRO SPY!
GATHERING INFORMATION ON 765 PRO,
"STEALING INFORMATION, SABOTAGING RIVAL AGENCIES,"
"USING UNDERHANDED MEANS TO SECURE THE JOBS YOU WANT-"
MAKING US TAKE FIXED JOBS LIKE THIS ONE, AND EVEN SABOTAGE!
PRESIDENT KUROI ORDERED HIM TO DO ALL THAT!

I SEE.
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T DENY TOUMA'S ACCUSATIONS BACK THEN.
OH YEAH.
WHEN WE PAID HARUKA A VISIT BACK THEN,
WHAT DID PRESIDE KUROI THIS
THAT 765 GUY SAID SOME ODD STUFF, DIDN'T HE.
SO THAT'S WHAT HE WAS GETTING AT.
BY THE WAY,
YOUR OPPONENTS PULLED OUT ON YOU GUYS TWICE IN A ROW, DIDN'T THEY?
BACK THEN WITH MIKI, AND NOW WITH YOU
WHAT PRESIDENT KUROI TOLD US
WAS THAT 765 PRO PRESSURED THEM INTO DOING SO.
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THINGS JUST GOT PRETTY COMPLICATED.
KURO-CHAN
PRES-SURE? WHAT PRES-SURE!?
WE'RE NOT PROUD OF IT,
BUT 765 PRO DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY OR THE INFLUENCE!
YOU CAN GO CHECK IT OUT YOUR-SELVES IF YOU THINK I'M LYING!
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KIKUCHI.
W, WHAT IS IT?
SO, THAT'S HOW IT WAS.
I GET IT.
THE NEXT TIME WE BEAT YOU GUYS,
WE'LL MAKE SURE WE DO IT FAIR AND SQUARE.

A FEW DAYS LATER-
IA GRAND PRIZE NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE NOMINATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS. JUPITER,
MAOU ANGEL,
CINERIA,
FLOW-LIGHT,
SETSUGEKKA,
KOI-BANA-
HEY, KOTORI,
COULD YOU JUST SKIP ALL OF THAT?
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WHAT ABOUT THE UNITS FROM 765 PRODUCTIONS?
FROM 765 PRO, WE HAVE,
RYUUGUU KOMACHI AND SPROUT.
JUST THOSE TWO.
IS THAT SO...!
IT'S A SHAME ABOUT OUR OTHER IDOLS,
BUT THEY'VE ALREADY DONE THEIR BEST.

THAT'S REALLY A PITY...
IN THE END, WE'RE DOWN TO JUST THESE TWO GROUPS...
WELL, EVERYONE GAINED A LOT OUT OF IT.
WE CAN ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT TIME.
NOW,
FOR RYUUGUU KOMACHI AND SPROUT,
THEY'VE GOT THEIR WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM.
THIS IS WHERE THE COMPETITION
FOR THE IA GRAND PRIZE REALLY BEGINS.